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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: YOUR PROPOSED STOPOVER IN GERMANY

REF: TOSEC 260003

1. KINKEL JUST PHONED TO SAY THAT SCHMIDT DEFINITELY WANTS TO BE PART OF YOUR MEETING IN GERMANY. SCHMIDT MADE TYPICAL, FOR HIM, WISECRACK THAT HE HOPES FOR ONCE YOU WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF HIS PROBLEM' HIS PROBLEM IS ONE OF TIME AND PLACE BECAUSE OF CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS. HE IS CURRENTLY IN HIS CAMPAIGN TRAIN IN THE NORTH.

2. ACCORDINGLY, BOTH SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER BEG YOU MOST URGENTLY TO SEE IF YOU CAN MEET THEM MONDAY IN HAMBURG. THEY WOULD PREFER THE MORNING BUT WHEN I TOLD KINKEL THIS IS SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE YOU HAVE A SCHEDULED MEETING WITH VORSTER WHICH AFTER ALL IS THE MAIN PURPOSE

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OF YOUR TRIP, KINKEL SAID A TIME AS CLOSE TO NOON AS

POSSIBLE COULD BE MADE TO FIT WITH SCHMIDT'S SCHEDULE.
IN SUM, KINKEL PROPOSED THAT YOU PROCEED TO LONDON FROM
ZURICH VIA HAMBURG (ONE HOUR FLIGHT TIME) AND ARRIVE
THERE AS SOON AS YOU CAN AFTER TWELVE NOON.

3. IF MONDAY IS ABSOLUTELY OUT FOR YOU, KINKEL FIRST
PROPOSED TUESDAY MORNING AROUND 10:30. I TOLD HIM THAT
WOULD CONFLICT WITH GISCARD. HE THEN SAID THE ONLY
OTHER TIME WAS 2:30 P.M. IN HAMBURG. HE STRESSED AGAIN,
HOWEVER, THAT ANY TIME TUESDAY WILL MEAN MAJOR AND
EMBARRASSING SHIFTS IN CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES FOR BOTH
GENSCHER AND SCHMIDT AND THAT MONDAY IS BY FAR PREFERABLE.

4. FINALLY, KINKEL SAID SCHMIDT, WITH WHOM HE HAD JUST
SPOKEN ON THE PHONE, IS REALLY MOST INTERESTED IN
MEETING YOU. HE ADDED THAT YOUR MEETING WITH VORSTER
AND SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUES ARE MAJOR NEWS ITEMS IN THE
FRG -- HE WAS JUST WATCHING THE EVENING TV NEWS WHICH
HAD IT AS THE FIRST ITEM -- AND HE THEREFORE HOPED YOU
WOULD UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY WITH WHICH SCHMIDT AND
GENSCHER VIEWED THE MEETING WITH YOU. I FINALLY GOT
KINKEL OFF THE PHONE SO I COULD SEND YOU THIS, WITH
KINKEL AGAIN BEGGING ME TO GET YOU TO WORK OUT THE
MEETING ON MONDAY IN HAMBURG.

5. WHAT NOW? ROBINSON

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